

**Major Employers** 

## An Overview of the Employment Climate in the Sahuarita/Tucson Region

The Town of Sahuarita is poised for continued growth. The Tucson regional workforce will be enhanced due to tremendous population growth in the last few years. Favorable regional economic trends are clearly evident in population and demographic patterns, transportation and distribution systems, Mexican trade, high-tech development, downtown development, and border, homeland security, and defense policy. Employers will find a diverse, educated, and enthusiastic workforce in Tucson and its surrounding areas. Located in one of America's youngest states, over half of Pima County's population is in the prime working age range of 18 to 54. Arizona is situated in a very unique part of the country which offers key interstate route options and close proximity to major ports of entry with Mexico.

The majority of full-time employees living in Sahuarita travel to Tucson or are employed by one of the service facilities in nearby Green Valley. Sahuarita boasts an above average number of residents with higher education degrees. 32.0% of residents have obtained a Bachelor's degree, 15%% have Master's Degrees and 2.0% of the population has a Doctoral degree.

The Town conducted a <u>WORKFORCE SURVEY</u> in February of 2008. Please review the study in order to gain a better understanding of the workforce capabilities in Sahuarita which can support your business venture.

Major public employers in the Green Valley/Sahuarita area are Pima County with facilities at the Pima County Government Center and Pima County Library, the U.S. Postal Service, the Smithsonian Institution's Whipple Observatory, Continental School District, and Sahuarita Unified School District.

Major private sector employers in the area include Freeport McMoRan Copper and Gold, Inc. and Asarco, in addition to the home building and real estate industry, Farmers Investment Co., which grows and sells pecans, La Posada at Park Centre, one of the largest and finest retirement communities in the Southwest, Caterpillar, Inc. Proving Ground, Safeway, Fry's Marketplace, Wal-Mart, Carondelet Medical, Northwest Medical Center, and the Tohono O'odham nation, with a \$52 million casino and entertainment complex, just north of the Town at interstate 19 and Pima Mine Road.

## **Largest Employers**

The Tucson region boasts a diverse cross-section of prospering businesses, from its world-class travel and tourism industry to a resurging mining sector to a growing "clean" manufacturing presence.

Tucson is home to major military installations (Davis-Monthan Air Force Base), prominent companies in the high tech and aerospace industries (Raytheon and IBM) and major medical and research facilities. <u>The University of Arizona</u>, ranked among the top 20 public research universities nationwide, is located in Tucson as well as one of the largest community colleges in the nation -- <u>Pima Community College</u>.

In 2009, The University of Arizona was the largest public sector employer with 10,354 employees. The University is an integral part of the local economy, receiving nearly a half billion dollars in research grants each year.

The remaining large employers represent a balanced mix of health care, retail trade, education, government, and military entities.

## **Employment Links**

The Temp Connection is a local employment agency committed to providing both clients and employees with the best and most mutually satisfying employment experience, whether in seeking a job, a career, or temporary/permanent employment.

Pima Works is a powerful online job seeker/workforce services system, accessed as a web site on the Internet or an Intranet at the OneStop Center. It is specifically designed for job seekers, students, case managers, employers, training providers, workforce professionals, and others seeking benefits and services. The system provides fast access to a complete set of employment tools in one web site.

Other Quick Links:

Tucson.com classified ads

Career Builder - http://www.careerbuilder.com/

Jobing - http://www.jobing.com/

Tucson Help Wanted - http://regionalhelpwanted.com/home/18.htm Tucson Employment Guide

CraigsList Jobs - http://tucson.craigslist.org/i/jobs?category=jjj

Monster.com - http://www.monster.com/